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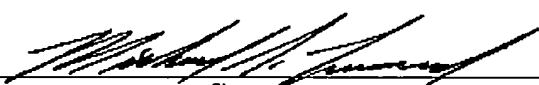
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Sir:

This Response is submitted with in response to the final Office Action mailed February 9, 2006. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application. This Response amends the claims so that dependent claims 10 and 11, which were noted as being allowable in the Office Action, are rewritten in independent form.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Response.